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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALBAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; BATES, HENRY & Co., 27, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000  
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRTORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—A. MOLYER, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—M. GLOTE, Esq.  
J. BILL IRVING, Esq. B. H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
C. D. ROTOMALEV, Esq. B. H. M. HUNTINGTON,  
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Esq. J. H. F. D. SARSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.  
MANAGER.—EVAN CARBON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

## NOTICE

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will  
be conducted by the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their  
premises in Hongkong. Business hours  
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10  
to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$200  
at one time will not be received. No  
 depositor may deposit more than \$2,500  
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank may  
at their option transfer the same to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months  
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per  
annum will be allowed to depositors on  
their daily balances.

5.—Each Deposit will be supplied gratis  
with a Pass-Book, which must be pre-  
sented with each payment or with-  
drawal. Depositors must not make  
any entries themselves in their Pass-  
Books but should send them to be  
written up at least twice a year, about  
the beginning of January and begin-  
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of  
the Bank if marked on Hongkong  
Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free  
by the various British Post Offices in  
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,  
but the personal attendance of the  
depositor or his duly appointed agent,  
and the production of his Pass-Book  
are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 745

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
PAID-UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit,  
buys and sells Bills of Exchange,  
Issues Letters of Credit, towards Bills for  
Collection, and transacts Banking and  
Agency Business general on terms to be  
agreed upon.

Interest allowed on Deposits—  
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " "  
" 3 " " "  
On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the Oriental  
Bank Corporation, in Liquidation, or the  
values of such claims purchased on ad-  
vantageous terms.

Agency of  
THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1068

## Notice of Firm.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

M. N. J. ROBINSON has been ap-  
pointed Clerk in Charge until further  
Notice. Mr. GREENLEY's connection  
with the Hotel ceases on the 31st May last:

By Order,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary,  
HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, July 8, 1886. 1323

## Intimations.

NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to the Notification issued  
by Her Britannic Majesty's  
MINISTER IN JAPAN on the 10th of May last,  
the Undersecretary is authorized by the Ho-  
norable Sir FRANCIS R. FLICKETT to make  
known for the information and guidance  
of British subjects resident in or resorting  
to Japan that a note has been received  
from His Excellency the JAPANESE Mi-  
nister for Foreign Affairs announcing the  
providence of CHOKAWARA in the Yokohama  
District of the Kanagawa Prefecture, and  
stating that the Medical Inspection Regu-  
lations promulgated by Decree No. 31 of  
1882 will be put in force from the 17th  
instant in all the Ports throughout the  
Empire, against all Vessels arriving in those  
Ports which have either cleared from or  
touched at Yokohama, or which after hav-  
ing cleared from that Port have called at  
any intermediate Port.

The Inspection of Vessels at Nagaura,  
which has been carried on hitherto, will  
now be discontinued.

Given under my hand, at HER BRITANNIC  
MAJESTY'S LEGATION at Tokyô, this 20th  
day of July, 1886.

P. LE POER TRENCH,  
Secretary of Legation.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS hereby given that a MEET-  
ING of the CREDITORS of LEONG  
ON will be held at the REGISTERS' OFFICE  
in the Supreme Court, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,  
the 5th August, 1886, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of con-  
sidering the advisability of Selling the  
Leasehold Lands forming part of the Estate  
in Liquidation of the said LEONG ON.

ALFRED G. WISE,  
Acting Registrar,  
Supreme Court House,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, July 28, 1886. 1471

GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS,

GENTLEMEN'S SHOES,

GENTLEMEN'S WATERPROOF COATS and  
UMBRELLAS.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

Hongkong, July 16, 1886. 1373

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER  
CENT. of \$6.00 per Share declared  
at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of  
Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable  
at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION on and after SATURDAY,  
the 31st Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at  
the Office of the Company for WARRANTS  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 30, 1886. 1474

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON  
WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-  
BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS  
and SAILING VESSELS alongside their  
Wharves at Kowloon, and Land Re-ship,  
and/or STORE GENERAL CARGOS, SILK,  
OPUM, COTTON, GRAIN or MERCHANTILE IN  
FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at Chaiwai Rates.

Also CARGO in specially constructed Sheds.  
For the convenience of Commanders and  
Storers the Company's launch Hongkong will  
convey to and fro those interested FREE OF  
CHARGE, starting from the Peidie's Wharf  
every hour from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and  
from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-  
hour.

For further Particulars, apply to  
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,  
Agent,  
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,  
Optical, Cotton, Silk & Merchantile  
INSTRUMENTS.

OPTICAL & SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,  
RETCH'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,  
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,  
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,  
Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,  
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,  
in great variety.

DIAMOND'S

— AND —  
DIAMOND JEWELLERY,  
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHPIMASTERS and ENGINEERS are  
respectfully informed that, if upon their  
arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the  
Company's FOREMEN should be at  
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will  
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found  
necessary, Communication with the Under-  
signed is requested, when immediate steps  
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-  
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Surgeon Dentist,  
Formerly APPRENTICE and LAT-  
TERLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)  
At the request of his European  
and American patients and friends,  
he TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-  
cupied by DR. ROGERS,  
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.  
Sole Agents.

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the Old Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

NOTICE.

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Surgeon Dentist,  
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## Prospectus.

THE  
STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
(INCORPORATED WITH LIMITED LIABILITY  
UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES'  
ACT, 1860.)

CAPITAL \$2,000,000  
In 20,000 Shares of \$100 each; Payable  
\$5 per Share on Application, and  
\$15 per Share on Allotment.

Further Calls not to exceed \$20 per Share  
at any one time, nor to be made at  
into calls of less than three months.

(Note.—It is not intended to call up more  
than \$20 per Share.)

DIRECTORS:  
Hon. JOHN ANDERSON, Chairman,  
(Messrs. GUTHRIE & Co.)  
THOS. SCOTT THOM-ON, Esq.  
(Messrs. W. R. Scott & Co.)  
EUG. RITTER, Esq.  
(Messrs. PITTARACKEN, RUEHNER & Co.)  
MEYER B. H. L., Esq.  
(Messrs. KATZ BROTHERS)  
JOHANNES LUTJENS, Esq.  
(Messrs. BEHN, MEYER & Co.)  
WEE BOON TEK, Esq.  
(Messrs. WEE BIN & Co.)  
KHOO TIONG POH, Esq.  
(Messrs. WEE BIN & Co.)

With power to add two to their number.

BANKERS:

SOLIATORS:  
MESSRS. RODDY & DAVIDSON.

OFFICER:  
RAFFLES PLACE, SINGAPORE.

SECRETARY:  
THOS. BUTLER.

PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company is being formed with the chief object of providing owners of property within the Straits Settlements with a second Local Fire Insurance Office, the establishment of which the commercial importance of the Settlements seems fully to warrant.

The volume of Fire Insurance business in the Straits is large and increasing. The existing Company can only take a limited amount on any one block of buildings, and it is reasonable to suppose that a second local institution would command a goodly share of the risks which are now going to far distant Companies, who offer Insurers no participation in profits, and in which little or no Share interest is locally held.

It is notorious that Fire Insurance business in the East has for many years past been exceedingly profitable. Rates of premium are well maintained, and the Company has no intention of competing on lower terms than commonly exist with established Mutual Offices.

The Company will be worked in connection with, and within the Head Office of, the Straits Insurance Company, Limited, and by the Board of Directors and Staff of that Institution. The Accounts and Letters of each Office will be kept absolutely distinct. Expenses of Management will be shared by the two Companies in such proportion as may be determined by the Directors. Under such joint working both Offices will materially benefit by a considerable lessening of the said Costs of Management. Branches or Agencies will be established in such Ports and Places within and outside the Straits Settlements as may appear to afford fields for profitable business. Agents now acting for the Marine Companies will probably all be willing to act for the Fire Office.

The Company will, it is assumed, benefit largely by the good will of the Marine Office, and, in consideration of this, 10,000 shares will be offered preferentially to the Proprietors of the latter, from the majority of whom important Fire business may be expected. The allotment of the remaining 10,000 shares and of such of the 10,000 aforesaid which may not be taken up by Shareholders in the Marine Company will have the most careful attention of the Directors, who are fully alive to the feasibility of obtaining Members who will contribute business.

If the Directors' intention to allot a fair proportion of Shares to applicants outside the Straits Settlements, and on the principle above indicated.

No promotion money has been or will be paid.

The business of the Company will be conducted on mutual principles, and the Directors propose that the annual profits be disposed of as follows:

1st.—In the payment of Interest on the paid-up Capital at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, said Interest to form a first charge on the funds until the Reserve Fund shall have reached \$200,000, and thereafter Interest shall be at such rates not being less than 10 per cent. per annum, as the Company in General Meeting shall from time to time determine.

2d.—In the establishment and maintenance of the Reserve Fund of \$200,000 to be formed by yearly appropriations as may be determined by Shareholders, after providing for the payment of Interest as above.

3d.—In the payment of a Bonus to supporters of the Company in proportion to the net Premiums contributed by them respectively during each year.

4th.—In adding to the Company's Reserve Fund until the same shall have reached \$600,000.

The only Contract entered into on behalf of the Company is an Agreement dated the nineteenth day of July, 1886, and made between The Straits Insurance Company, Limited, on the one part and James Guthrie, Devanport, on the part of the other party, providing for the Joint Direction and Management with the Straits Insurance Company, Limited. This contract can be seen at the Head Office of the Straits Insurance Company, Limited.

Applications for Shares should be made on the enclosed form and lodged with any of the local Banks or their Branches with a Deposit of \$5 on each Share applied for.

Where no allotment is made the Deposit will be returned in full, and in case less number of Shares be allotted than as applied for, the surplus deposited will be appropriated in whole or in part, as the case may be, to payment of the amount due on allotment.

Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the under-signed, Agents of the Straits Insurance Co. Ltd.

The Share List will be closed on the 30th September, 1886, for applications from the Straits Settlements, Java, India, China, Japan (and countries thereto adjacent), and on the 31st October, 1886, for applications from Europe, the United States of America and the Australian Colonies.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1886.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents for  
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING

## STORES.

—0—

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.  
Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING'S Table FRUITS.

ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.

Sausage MEAT.

CAVIAR.

Potted MEATS.

MACKEREL in 5lb. Tins.

Eagle Brand MILK.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Green CORK.

Baked BEANS.

BRAUN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT  
of

COOKING AND PARLOUR  
STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING  
UTENSILS.

WOOLF IRONS.

CHARCOAL IRONS.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @ \$11 and \$12.

CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.

SAUCON'S SHERRY.

ROYAL GLENFIE WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HEMING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LEQUEURS.

DRATHA, ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of

OILMAN'S STORES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

F O R C A S H .

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1886.

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Tuesday's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer Japan having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwritten for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once loaded and stowed at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all Claims must be made immediately, as soon as will be convenient after the 11th instant.

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1886.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received

instructions from the OFFICIAL ASSESSOR in Bankruptcy to OFFER FOR SALE

THE FOLLOWING

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

Situate at BOWINGDON, and until recently occupied by Messrs. JAMESON & CROKER.

1.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND,

abutting on the North on the

Praya, and measuring 109 feet and 11 inches, on the South on Inland Lot Number 744 (next hereinafter described) and measuring 101 feet and 2 inches, on the East on a Public Road and measuring 141 feet and 7 inches, and on the West on a Public Road and measuring 115 feet and 10 inches.

The above Piece of Ground contains 13,021 square feet, is registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT 270, and held for the residue of a term of 99 years, as of an Annual Crown Rent of \$250.

2.—A PIECE OF GROUND,

abutting on the North on the

Praya, and measuring 101 feet and 2 inches, on the South on a Public Road and measuring 112 feet and 6 inches.

The above Piece of Ground contains 12,052 square feet, is registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 744, and held for the residue of a term of 99 years, as of an Annual Crown Rent of \$180.

On the above Pieces of Ground are erected the Substantial BUILDINGS,

WORKSHOPS and PREMISES, until

recently occupied by Messrs. JAMESON & CROKER.

For further Particulars and Plan, apply

to SHARP, JOHNSON & STOKES,

Solicitors for the Vendor,

Supreme Court House;

or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1886.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents for

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, August 3, 1886.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTHIN VIA SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTHIN, NEW CHWANG, HANKOW and Parts on the YANGTZE.)

THE Co.'s Steamship "Loochang" will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 5th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 3, 1886. 1495

## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS

August 2 1886

Diamante, British steamer, 514, A. McQuillan, Manila July 30, General.—Re-

sent & Co.

Princ. Danish str., 462, Chas. A. Lund

Karberg & Co.

August 3.—

Centaur, German barque, 463, C. Offen

Singapore July 22, Timber.—Wrecks

& Co.

Normanton, British steamer, 1,533, J.

W. Drake, Saigon July 21, General.

Aro, French steamer, 2,147, Guiran

Shanghai July 31, Mail and General

Messages Minnies.

experienced equally weather with heavy

squalls of rain, thunder and lightning,

alternated at intervals until evening.

Mindoro. Bimini on the morning of the

30th : theme to port and light and moderate

westerly winds with occasional showers.

The British steamer Diamante reports :

Left



ment itself found the public drains; but it is just possible that the Surveyor General, who is Chairman and moving spirit of the Sanitary Board, may have rather favoured than otherwise this gradual and slow progress of reform, to suit the requirements of the public service. However this may be, one of the great obstacles in the way of house-owners to complying with the wishes of the Board in reconstructing house-drains is their natural objection to have the sewage gases brought into their houses. What the house-owners and householders also, allege is this, that they have no security from the invasion of sewage gas when once they open communication with the public drains. This, if true, is not as it ought to be. The Government, or the Sanitary Board, has no right to insist upon house-drains being led into the public sewers until the most approved appliances are in the hands of the officials whereby all evil effects from such emanations can be effectually averted. Much has been heard lately of the prevalence of fevers of a more or less dangerous character. We have heard also a great deal about the existence of typhoid during the last few years. Some of these fevers may be of a malarial type, and some may be attributable to the drainage of houses or to the escape of sewage gas from the main drains. From whatever cause this sickness may arise, it is clearly the duty of the Sanitary Board to get at the bottom of the evil, and to have it removed without loss of time. If house-drains are laid down by the Sanitary Board, means a sort of rough-and-ready laying-on of sewage gas to a house, then there can be no surprise felt at the objections raised by the tenants and owners of house property. To set this most important matter at rest for ever will, we fancy, be the duty of the new members of the Sanitary Board, because upon it depends the success of the entire programme of sanitation for the Colony. It is asserted that there are no proper drain-traps in the Colony; and it is well known that the most approved appliances for carrying off the sewage gas above the upper levels have never been brought into operation. The question therefore arises whether the Government is yet ready for the carrying out of a thorough-going sanitary reform; and many persons interested allege that the Surveyor General dare not insist upon a general reconstruction of house-drains, because the main drains are not ready for it, and the appliances necessary to safeguard health are not yet forthcoming. If this be the case, then the public and house-owners ought to be informed; and the shortest way of doing so would be to open the meetings of the Sanitary Board to the press.

SETTE of the rumour that Sir George Bowes has expressed his intention to return to the scene of his martyrdom to duty, Hongkong, we incline to the belief that the Governor of a quarter-of-a-century experience will not again be seen on this Island. As his successor, more than one name has, as customary, been put forward by the quidnuncs. The guess which pointed to Sir William Hart Dyke received no countenance from any one who knew anything about the movements of the Colonial Office. If the traditions of that Department of the Administration were other than they are, it might be said that no man could so well fulfil the duties of Governor here as Sir Cecil Clement Smith, who was formerly Registrar General and Acting Colonial Secretary here, after having begun his career in this Colony as one of the 'boys.' But Sir Cecil must, we presume, first win his spurs in a second-class or third-class Colony before he receives an appointment to one like Hongkong. It is not sufficient to have administered the Government of a Colony like the Straits Settlements with success, although the duties of an Acting Governor appear to us to be occasionally more onerous, because more hampered, than those of a full-blown Governor. Failing a rational solution of the question, however, as to who shall rule over us, we must fall back upon the list of those gentlemen whose claims, from a Colonial Office point of view, appear most urgent. The two Sir William Robinsons—Sir William Robinson, and Sir William C. E., Robinson—may be said to possess such claims, while the last-named, who is now Governor of South Australia, was private Secretary to Sir Hercules Robinson in Hongkong a fair back as 1859. Since that date he has passed through nearly all the stages considered necessary by the Colonial Office: he has governed Falkland Islands, Prince Edward Island, Leeward Islands, Western Australia (twice), the Straits Settlements, and South Australia. Sir William (not F. C.) has, on the other hand, taken great interest in Colonial matters—Colonial department of the Vienna Exhibition, and the endeavour to secure a Colonial Museum in London; and he has governed the Windward Islands and Barbados. Another name mentioned is that of Sir Geo. C. Strahan, who (as Major of the R.A.) acted as A.D.C. to Mr Gladstone in the Ionian Islands, and has since been governor of the Bahamas, Lagos, Gold Coast, Windward Island, and Tasmania. Sir Fred. Napier Brooks, one of the men with whom our former Governor (Sir Pope Hennessy) crossed swords in Mauritius, has also been mentioned. He is now Governor of Western Australia; but as his name has been brought forward on the score of youth and energy, he may be relegated to the same place as that occupi-

ed by the better-qualified Sir Cecil Smith. Colonial tactics will doubtless be affected by the change of the Government at home; and the selection of one or other of the officers named above will be influenced by the length of the existence of the Conservative Government which has just assumed office. There is, however, a large list from which to choose our future Governor.

The N.C.D. News, commenting on a paragraph suggesting the abolition of our civil governor, reproduced by us from the *Whitbread Review*, and our comments thereon, says:

A frugal innovation is threatened in Hongkong; nothing less than going away with the Governor altogether!

The present interregnum is thought to be a good opportunity to agitate for the reform; but we are taking up the suggestion, for half

The American ship *Willam*, which arrived at Woosung on the 23rd ultimo from New York, made the passage in the remarkably good time of 110 days. This beats the best time for some years.

The German corvette *Carola*, Captain Achimann, from Kiel, arrived at Singapore on the 26th ultimo. The *Carola* is bound for the China station and is a vessel of 2,200 tons, 10 guns, 2,400 horse-power and carries a crew of 264 men.

The Manila quadrermasters have boycotted the steamer *Taku*, that was ready having left its trip with Chinese quartermasters, it having been found impossible to induce any of the Manila men to ship in her. All the other Indo-China boats carry Manilas men, and why they refuse to go in the *Taku* is not known.—*Singapore Courier*.

The following information was received at Shanghai on the 29th ultimo by telegraph from the Commissioner of Customs, Tientsin.—A dredger has sunk off Taku Bar, in 5 fms. of water, with Lightship 74 bearing S.W. & W., distant about 1½ miles. A boat has been anchored near the wreck and will exhibit, during day-time, a red flag, and, during night-time, a red light.

The *Shanghai Mercury* reads that the French naval stations in China and Tonquin are to be considerably reduced. Rear Admiral Bironier has received orders to send home from the China station the cruisers *Roland* and *La Chevalier* and the gunboat *Sagitaire*; and from the Tonquin station the cruiser *Hippoc* and the gunboat *Lionce*. The gunboats *Léopard* and *Héron* are to be put out of commission.

The *Mercury* has there prospects of a German newspaper being started in Shanghai shortly. Its editor, it is said, will be a German gentleman who at one time acted as special correspondent of some leading English paper during the late Egyptian campaign, and recently in a similar capacity in Tonquin. We believe the gentleman referred to by the *Mercury* was lately employed as shipping reporter by our morning contemporary.

At the date of latest news from New York, the U.S. frigate *Brooklyn* was undergoing repairs at the Naval Yard there, which it was expected would probably occupy about three weeks, preparatory to being put into commission as ship-of-admiral of the Asiatic fleet. The corvette *Ezra* has been ordered to take the place of the *Astir* on this station. The U.S. corvette *Admiral* (Commander Barclay, lat. Yokohama, for San Francisco, on the 10th ultimo).—*Newspaper Express*.

The jocular remark of the *News* about the press losing half their topics if the Governor be abolished is without point. It will surely be as easy to pray or abuse (and fault with us rather put it) a municipal council, with its various arms, as a Governor. Besides, in all probability, the more open mode of transacting public business which a municipal council would bring it would provide more publisus for healthy and useful discussion than can be raised by the present method, in which confinement of half the truth renders any discussion somewhat abortive. The other suggestion of the *News*, that it cannot conceive that the Colony would ever consent to be lowered to the level of a mere municipality, is equally senseless. In the very nature of things, there must, so long as Hongkong remains a British Colony, be a deputy of the Queen resident to represent her and communicate with the high authorities of China, and so long as this is so, Hongkong can scarcely be reduced to the mere level of a municipality. And the *Whitbread Review* recognises this. What it advocates is the transfer of the purely gubernatorial duties to the Military Commander, who could surround himself with as much pomp and state as a civil Governor, and allow Society to flutter round him as he pleased; leaving a municipal council, or a legislative council with a larger unofficial element than the present one, containing all the present one's constituents, to look after the commercial, financial and general welfare of the community. A position on such a council would surely be more dignified, too, than a seat on a board where independent action is almost entirely suppressed. The sneer with which the *News* concludes its paragraph need annoy no one. It is harmless.

The opium farm at Cavite was adjudicated for \$33,048 for three years, to one Eulogio Montesa.

Mr. Walt, a veterinary surgeon, is in Shanghai purchasing ponies and mules for French service in Tonquin.

The patriotic subscription in the Philippines for the building of the Spanish gunboat *Pilipinas* had reached \$162,250 on the 26th July.

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the following changes and appointments among the officers and engineers of ships trading on the coast are mentioned in Shanghai pages.—Captain Pratt has assumed command of the *Kuang-ping*. Captain Warwick, late of the *Kuang-ping*, has been appointed to the command of the *Foona*, owing to the illness of her commander, Captain Marston.—Captain Fred. Johnson, formerly of the Shanghai Tug-boat Company, has been appointed to the command of one of the Japanese tugs engaged on the Peiho.—Mr. E. L. Griffin, who has for some time past been chief officer of the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Taku*, and who is well known on the coast, is having been chief and second officer in other steamers of that line, has resigned his position, and intends to proceed home by way of Japan and Fuzhou. Mr. Martin, late second of the *Nanking*, has been appointed to the *Taku* as chief officer.

Says the *Hayton Times*:—Messrs. Hutton & Co., the Government of India Tobacco and蹲烟厂, at Calcutta, are just now unpacking for publication the Government of India's share of the lot of Theewa's palace at Mandalay. The exhibition cannot be complete for some days yet, for several boxes have still to be unpacked, but visitors to Messrs. Hutton's establishment may even see what the surprise them, incense, gold leaf, gold pots and other paraphernalia of a native bath-room—all in gold. These night lamps in gold, the burners supported by fabulously valued pieces of rubies and emeralds, have also been unpacked, and will shortly be on inspection.

The collection which arranged will form one of the grandest exhibitions ever instituted, but we are inclined to the idea that the goods will have to be broken up and sold piecemeal if the Government expect to get anything like their value.

The N.C.D. News thus banteringly tries to justify the action of the Shanghai authorities in shipping their beachcomber to Hongkong.—The *China Mail* is very indignant that Hongkong should still be made the receptacle for superstitious Shanghai beachcombers, referring to the recent deportation thither of the well-known Dr. Fabricius and Mr. Holst. Our colonial friends ought to remember that we had waste by volcanic agency—miles of country were covered with dense smoke and total darkness prevailed. A spectator likened the scene to Dante's Inferno. The shock of earthquake was distinctly heard at Auckland 10 miles distant. Fortunately the scene of the catastrophe was sparsely populated, so that the list of deaths is comparatively insignificant. It makes one shudder to contemplate what it would have been had the individual taken place in the most settled districts. As it is, it means ruin for very many of those who escaped with their lives. Rotuma, the scene of the disaster, is the centre of the Lake district and a great resort for tourists and invalids, the magnificent scenery and the hot springs being the attraction. Fortunately the sea does not commence till December.

We are determined no longer to remain the quiet well-behaved people we have

hitherto been, and we are fast budding into a nation of fire-eaters. You will have heard of our Soudan escapade, how we avenged the death of our General Gordon (Chinese Gordon) and captured a goat. It was a bloodless campaign so far as our boys were concerned, but they small powder and shewed they possessed a full measure of that pluck which is the birthright of Britons. Having helped the mother-country out of her Soudanese troubles, we have now set to work to assert ourselves as a military power of the first magnitude. France has been barking after the New Hebrides, but the Colonies cry 'hands off,' and remembering what our boys did in the Soudan, she will hesitate as she dares the advantages of it, and she is glad that she has encouraged the interchange of trade. She, however, does not enjoy international rights. Most of the so-called civilized nations treat her well. Russia, perhaps, is the only country that seems to wish to impose on her weakness. In the five years that have passed China has advanced wonderfully, though not so fast as Japan. That country has gone too fast, but surely, but she is not yet given a full voice in matters which interest her politically. In the late French trouble she was given two chances, either to give up Annam or become a vassal to French rapine and murder. She has given up Annam, but not willingly. The best talk of international rights is all bad. Might is right, and China has suffered. If all European nations would not give up their pretensions of right they would find that China would meet them in a friendlier spirit. England has not done this. Internally Ladrones the English, but as a nation they are blame for much of China's misery. England has enforced opium upon us, and also enforced it with bayonets and canon. Ours is the curse of China. We see men daily who have fallen from high positions. What has been the cause? Opium; and this cursed drug has been sold on us by Christians England. There are those in England who have striven to stop the opium traffic, but the Secretary of State for India tells them to either pay the revenue of India, or permit opium to be sent to the Chinese. Some think that we are striving to keep out foreign opium, so that the native product will be sold. No, the native product will be stopped when the import of the foreign drug is abandoned. This question of opium has caused much trouble, and commissions have been formed to grapple with it. A commission has recently met at Hongkong, but they had arrived at no decision, and no decision would be arrived at till the traffic is stopped altogether. In these Settlements there are more opium dens than in any purely native city in China. Why is this? Because the Municipal Council is as solid as the structure the shareholders are very lucky people. With the extension of our tramway system the numbers are growing rapidly and more engaged in the building trades have had a very good time of late. Suburban land sales are all the rage, estates with high sounding names (Carrington Heights or Wolseley Parks) are being sub-divided into townships and sold on the time payment system. New Building Societies and Land Investment Companies are daily springing up and erecting costly buildings for offices, but I am afraid, this is being overdone. All are buying for a rise, and in many, very many, cases the rise will never come. There will be a grand smash soon.

We have been blessed with an abundance of rain of late, and it has come none too soon. The air was pregnant with failures; wool and tallow were cheap, dirt cheap, but better times are now coming. The glorious news of a rise in wool of 25 per cent and also a firm's tons in the world's markets for our other staples have given us renewed life.

There are abominable compounds sold here called tea which I believe to be the veritable 'Malo Mixtures.' The used-up leaves collected from the various tea houses are dried on the tops of houses in the Malo, at Shanghai and elsewhere, ignited and reduced to ashes beneath; and smuggled to Hongkong as potash in baskets, where, unknown to the authorities, it is packed in nice chests and half-chests and labelled 'Scented Orange Pekoe' or something of that sort. After passing the custom here it is sold for 2/- per pound with 4 lbs. of sugar thrown in for nothing. Doubtless there are some good tea shipped to this market, but that such abominable rubbish should be allowed to pass into consumption here speaks little to the credit of our Custom House officials. The Malo is in trouble through the washermen. Notice has been given that the washermen of the Model Settlement have formed themselves into a guild, and have fixed the charge for washing at \$2.50 per hundred pieces, from the first of next month. This action is the outcome of a long course of litigation between the master washermen and their employers. The employers have complained that they have been driven out of work by the system under which the masters have employed scarcely any but unskilled apprentices; while the masters on their part have pleaded that the recognised rate of payment for washing in Shanghai was too low to admit of their employing skilled apprentices.

The Chinese residents here have been subjected to illegal arrests. Arrests without a warrant, and this rankles in the breast of every Chinaman who has a spark of pride or self-respect. If I had been the Manager of the Li-tak Bank, I would have thrown the constable out of doors. It was a most unmerciful indignity. It was not right. I want to see my countrymen treated as men, and then they will not act as men. Foreigners look to us for what is under your control more pure. The Public Garden, too, is a subject I wish to touch. The Gardeners, too, are subjects who get their pay equal taxes with others, and yet we are not admitted to the gardens. For my part I do not complain, and yet speak of it as a right. The Japanese are admitted, and why should we not be?

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Business is very unsettled just now owing to a multiplicity of causes. Bad seasons and the higher price of our chief productions are no doubt the primary causes, but there has been a thorough upset of our fiscal policy, which formerly was based on Free-trade lines. It is now sought to alter this and 'make' in protection. The list of specific duties has been considerably extended and a 5 per cent ad valorem duty imposed on all articles not enumerated, and a few other lines excepted.

I do not believe that Free-trade alone can benefit the masses, but Free-trade with State ownership of land means prosperity to all. You will gather from this that I am an apostle of Harry George. The battle is not yet lost and I trust that the Free-trade that will soon again be flying its colours.

The 'Japanese Village' is so far a great success and attracts hosts of visitors. It is a big undertaking, but if the venture is as successful in the other centres as it has been here, Mr. Willard should reap a rich harvest. The last week of the show was announced, not from lack of patronage but owing to the building being required for other purposes.

In another theatrical 'Struck Oil' and the Chinese Question are again being played at the Royal, and 'Fun on the Bristol' at the Gaiety. Mr. Daupier is playing at the Royal Standard in a dramatised version of Marcus Clarke's novel 'His Natural Life,' which is drawing crowded houses. Two new theatres are in course of erection, one to be called Her Majesty's (which is nearly completed) and will be the largest in Sydney) and the other the Bijou.

CHINA AND HER PROSPECTS FROM A CHINESE POINT OF VIEW.

The *Cathay Advertiser* of the 29th instant gives an account of a dinner given in foreign style at the Criterion Hotel, Shanghai, by the owner, a Chinese, in honour of the anniversary of the Emperor of China's birthday.

Speeches were made by a number of those present, among them who spoke being the Editors of the native papers *Shun-pao* and *Hu-pao*; but only one speech is worthy of note or reproduction. That speech was made by Mr. Wong Kai-kai,

who, according to the *Advertiser*, spoke in the most fluent English. Though his remarks indicate that he is far in advance in ideas and thoughts of the majority of even the most educated of his countrymen, they show that a spirit of public opinion, such as controls the policy of European nations,

is gradually springing up among the Chinese. The following are the remarks as given by the *Advertiser*:

'Gentlemen, I have been invited here to-night, together with others, to celebrate the Emperor's birthday. I have come here unprepared to speak, but will do my best. I wish to say something about my country and her prospects, both financial and political. Next year the young Emperor assumes the reins of Government, and it will, I hope, mark an epoch in the history of China. Fifty years ago China was almost a hermit nation, but she has been forced upon her, and her ports were opened by the strength of arms. The way may have been harsh, and we now regret it. We have encroached upon the rights of the Chinese, and we have injured them by failing from a cause.'

What with military disasters, shipwrecks and earthquakes, the charitable have been taxed pretty heavily of late, and the Chinese in Victoria have been utilized in a very novel way to aid in a good work of alleviating distress. An exhibition was held in Melbourne, the proceeds of which were to go to some hospital for women, and most valuable unusual number of Chinese. We can only imagine that the comparative privacy of his departure was in accordance with his own wishes. He has not been a regular resident in Shanghai for some time, and was stationed here as head of the Shanghai branch of the house, and was ready here, when he was greatly respected, to do his duty. The *Advertiser* has given a full account of the result being about £250.

There is a Chinese gentleman here named Quong-Tart, who is a general favorite owing to his genial and many other good qualities. He is always doing something to help the unfortunate both among Europeans and Chinese. He has done much to raise the Chinese character in the estimation of the Colonists. Quong-Tart is quite a lady man, and the darlings will crane their fair necks to get a glimpse of him. 'He is a nice Chinaman.'

Old Sydney is fast disappearing, gigantic alterations having been effected during the last six years. The buildings recently erected will bear favorable comparison with those of any city in the world. This applies not only to banks and public buildings but also to shops and warehouses; some of 5 stories high and fitted with all the latest improvements in the way of hydraulic lifts, etc. The Australian Joint Stock Bank just completed is a magnificent pile, and if the Institution is as solid as the structure the shareholders are very lucky people. With the extension of our tramway system the numbers are growing rapidly and more engaged in the building trades have had a very good time of late. Suburban land sales are all the rage, estates with high sounding names (Carrington Heights or Wolseley Parks) are being sub-divided into townships and sold on the

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**THE Wok Tei Yat Po was established in connection with the China Mail over ten years ago. The Business has hitherto been transacted with Chinese. Since 1881 it has been leased to Mr. Tam Yik Kwan and the Lease will expire on the 1st or September of this year; after which the China Mail will take over the Business, and Lease it to Mr. Ho Chuen Shang under the same conditions as heretofore, but the Staff will all be new. A learned and famous Scholar has specially been engaged to take the position of Editor, and new arrangements will be made so as to secure a great improvement upon what the paper was before.**

**GENTLEMEN who have for years been subscribing to this paper may rest assured that the paper will come to them without interruption and need make no change in regard to it. Referring to the Accounts with this Office for the insertion of Notices will be given to Subscribers to the Paper, &c., all Debts due to him up to the 1st or September will be collected by the Old Lessee Mr. Tam Yik Kwan; and after the 1st or September, they will be collected by the New Lessee Mr. Ho Chuen Shang. This is the usual practice in such cases and Subscribers are earnestly requested to take the necessary note of the Change of Lessee so as to make any inquiry in payment.**

**There has hitherto been only one Wok Tei Po, the Office of which is situated at No. 3, Wyndham Street, and it has no Branch Office in any other place.**

**On the 6th of June Mr. Tam Yik Kwan issued a Notice in the Extra saying—**

**The Lease of this Office will soon expire and a good day will be chosen to remove to another place, and when this Business is opened in the new house, the name will be changed, and it will be styled Wok Tei Po.**

**It is evident that his intention is to imitate the name of this office, and indeed thereby it may easily mislead the readers.**

**Now as Mr. Tam Yik Kwan is a Lessee, he may say that the term of his lease has expired, but it is impossible for him to say the lease of this office will soon expire, for the true sense of Mr. Tam Yik Kwan's statement would be—“The Lease of this House occupied by this Office will soon expire, and consequently, it will be removed to another place, and besides, he says ‘the name of this Office will be changed, and it will be styled Wok Tei Po’.” From enigmatic language like this it requires a clear-sighted man to find out the truth. It seems like an attempt to pass a fish's eye for a pearl.**

**Now to tell the truth, The Wok Tei Po is a NEW ESTABLISHMENT of Mr. Tam Yik Kwan, and has no connection whatever with the Wok Tei Po; and heretofore Mr. Tam Yik Kwan has nothing to do with this Office at all, and Gentlemen are requested to distinguish this Office from his Establishment.**

**The types of this Office have been in use for some years, and it is now arranged that when the Management of the Business is handed over to the NEW LESSEE, New Type will be supplied and will be ready in a short time. The New Editor of this Paper has already elsewhere given great satisfaction in a similar position to all concerned; and as New Types will be made, the Paper will be ten times more legible. It is hoped that Subscribers will kindly keep up their subscriptions, and that Scholars and Merchants will all kindly put their Notices in the paper. This Office under its New Management looks to them for their Patronage and Support; and in Order to secure the same this statement is published.**

**HO CHUNG SHANG,  
New Lessee,  
China Mail.**

**NOTICE.**

**THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on Fire Class Godowns at 1 per cent. not premium per annum.**

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